



2023 4-H Horse Project Changes

Situation: Kansas 4-H Horse Program participation is declining, Kansas 4-H District Horse shows are declining in participation and revenue.

Proposal:

Beginning with the 2023 4-H Program Year- Kansas 4-H Horse Project Members, who are currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project are eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show if:

- 1) The member is 9 years old before January 1 of the current 4-H program year.
- 2) The horse is properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. A properly identified horse is either a) registered with a breed association in the 4-H'ers or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, or b) identified with a Kansas 4-H Horse ID Form signed by the local Extension Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. The 4-H member must have a copy of the 4-H Horse ID form signed by the local agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file with their local Extension Office by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. Please see "Horse Ownership" for more clarification.
- 3) Exhibit a properly identified horse at a horse show in a class group and be qualified to exhibit in any class included in that group. The horse show need not be a "4-H" show. Shows may include: open shows, circuits, local associations (SCSHA, etc), breed/discipline associations (AQHA, APHA, NRHA etc.). Qualification for each group is based on one horse/rider combination. Exception: If a 4-Her qualifies more than one mare/gelding in the same halter class. In this case, another 4-Her can show the second horse in the appropriate halter class at the State Fair.

Group 1 Halter, Showmanship

Group 2 Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack, Saddleseat Pleasure, Saddleseat Equitation

Group 3 Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail,

Group 4 Ranch Rail, Ranch Pattern, Ranch Trail, Reining

Group 5 Barrels, Poles, Flags

- 3) Complete the Kansas 4-H Equine Webinar Safety Episode with quiz annually before completing the State Fair Entry.
- 4) Complete online entry information for the Kansas State 4-H Horse Show via ShoWorks by August 1 of the current program year.

Exhibitors will be limited to entering only those classes in which they qualified for a particular horse.

Exhibitors should be prepared to show proof of exhibition via signed affidavit by show management.

The qualification period will be from October 1- August 1 of the current 4-H program year.

4-H Horse Project Members are not limited in the total number of horses they may exhibit. Exhibitors may show more than one horse in the following classes: Halter, Trail, Reining, Ranch Horse Pattern, Ranch Horse Trail, Barrel Racing, Flag Race, and Pole Bending. If a 4-H member has multiple horses in a halter class, the horse must be exhibited by another currently enrolled Kansas 4-H member.



Horse ownership:

Each horse should be properly identified with the local Extension Office by **June 1** of the current 4-H program year. Horses may be identified by a) completed Horse ID Certificate with all required signatures, or b) breed registration papers with horse ownership listed in the 4-H member's or a family member's name. "Family member" includes: immediate family: parent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian. A copy of the 4-H Horse ID Certificate or the horse's registration papers must be kept on file with the local Extension Office. 4-H'ers exhibiting registered horses must present a copy of the registration papers or the 4-H Horse ID Certificate at check-in to the State Fair.

Level Testing:

Beginning in 2023, the Kansas 4-H Horse Achievement Levels will no longer be required to participate at the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

Equine Webinar Series- Horse Safety:

All 4-H Horse Project Members are encouraged to participate in the live session or watch the recording of the "4-H Equine Webinar: Horse Safety" episode and quiz. Members who wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show are required to watch the session and complete the quiz prior to entering the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.